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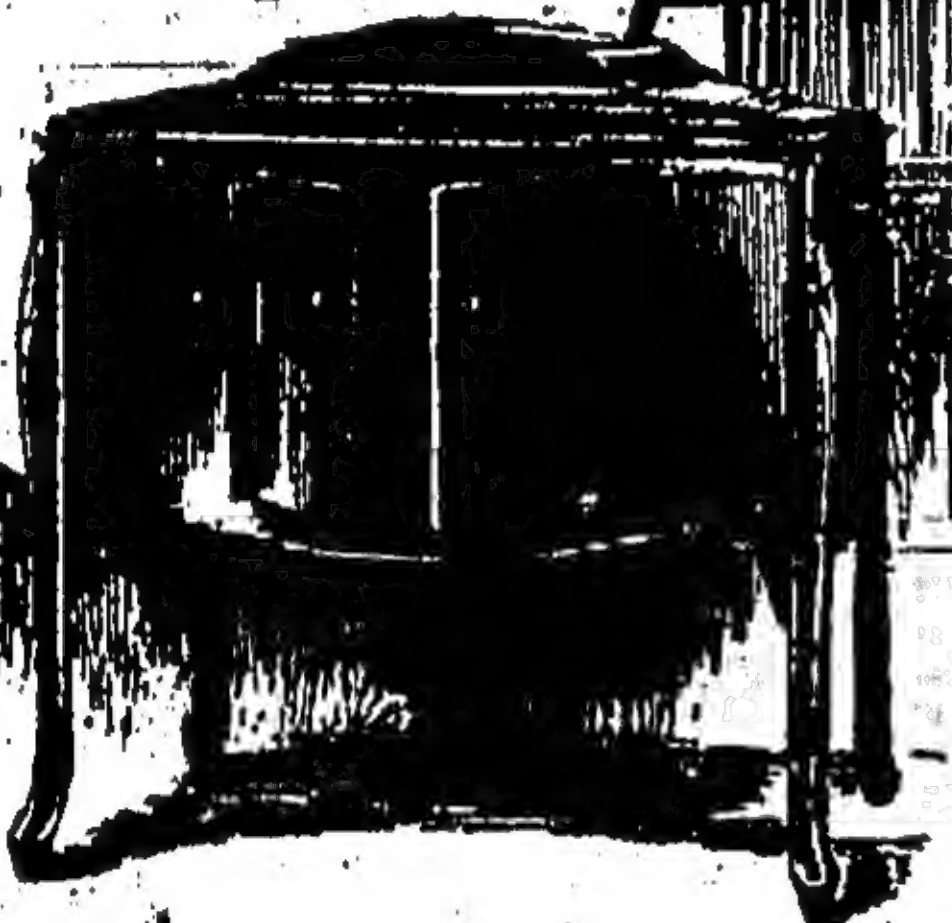


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LEAGUE OF NATIONS. ASSEMBLY MEETS IN GENEVA

SIX COMMITTEES APPOINTED.
CHINESE DELEGATION PLEASED.
(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, September 2.
The Chinese delegation is very gratified at the
election of Mr. Tang Tai-jon as one of the Vice-
Presidents of the Assembly of the League.
The Chairman of the six committees of the
Assembly include Sir Littleton Groom (Australia),
Mr. Mine-ichiro Adachi, Japanese Ambassador to
Belgium, at the head of committee one and four
respectively; M. Duce (Rumania), committee three.
The last named is the most important as it
deals with the reduction of armaments, which the
Assembly will discuss on Thursday in the presence
of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and M. Herriot.

VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED.

There is good ground for believing that China
will be given one of the Vice-Presidencies of the
present Assembly of the League of Nations. It
is also thought likely that her request for a reduction
of her contribution to the expenses of the League
from 65 to 35 units will be granted, probably with
the object of neutralising the clamour of a section
of the Chinese parliamentary opposition which is in
favour of China's withdrawal from the League, and
strengthening the position of Mr. Wellington Koo.

LATER.

The Assembly has elected six Vice-Presidents,
M. Bourgeois, Lord Parmoor, M. Salandra, M.
Urrutia, Mr. Skrzynski, and Mr. Tang Tai-jon, the
last three representing Colombia, Poland and
China respectively.

BRITISH PREMIER EN ROUTE.

LONDON, September 2.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has left for Geneva.
Huge crowds gathered at the Victoria station to see
him off. Conspicuous among the pressmen on the platform
Mr. MacDonald said that he felt very keenly the
tremendous importance of the League of Nations.
He was not going to Geneva to make speeches
although he would have something to say. He was
trying by his presence in Geneva to demonstrate
his confidence in the power of the League to do
good work. He was very anxious that every nation
should send the strongest delegation possible.

CRICKET AT HOME. SEASON NEARLY OVER.

COUNTY PROGRAMME COMPLETED.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 2.
At Lord's Surrey obtained a first innings
decision from Middlesex.
Middlesex scored 149 and Surrey 221 for 2
(Hobbs 70, Sandham 102 not out) when play ceased.
Northants v. Warwick.

At Northampton the home team lost first
innings points to Warwick.
Warwick's totals were 265 and 61 for 2.
Northants made 219.

Kent v. Lancashire.
At Dover, Kent defeated Lancashire by 31
runs.
Kent knocked up 199 and 115; Parkin took 6
wickets for 50 and 6 for 21, thereby completing his
200 wickets for the season.
Lancashire replied with 136 and 147.

Glamorgan v. Notts.
At Cardiff, Glamorgan led Notts on the first
innings.
Glamorgan scored 271 and 21 for 6 declared.
Notts made 172 and 59 for 1.

Leicester v. Essex.
At Leicester, Essex were beaten by 94 runs.
Leicester hit up 125 and 175.
Essex made 68 (Astill 5 wickets for 4 runs) and
138.

Gentlemen v. Players.
The Players beat the Gentlemen by nine
wickets at (2) Hastings.
The Gentlemen were dismissed for 152 and 52.
(Brown 4 wickets for 5 runs). The Players scored
200 (Meyer 8 for 38) and 5 for 1.

BRITISH PREMIER INTERVIEWED.

PROBLEM OF ARMAMENTS.

ROAD CLEARER FOR DISCUSSION.
HONKING IN ANGLO-SOVIET TREATY.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 2.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, in an
interview with a representative of Reuter's
Agency, on route to Geneva said:
The road is clearer than ever for a real discus-
sion of armaments and national security.
Nobody has yet devised a satisfactory disarmament
scheme, but we are nearer it now as various
obstacles have been successively removed.

ANGLO-SOVIET TREATY.

A lot of nonsense has been written about
the Anglo-Soviet Treaty, said the
Premier.

The whole
position of the
negotiations was
altered by the
Russians' sur-
render to us.

We, in no
wise, have altered
our position.
It is as clear
as ever that,
unless a settle-
ment of debts
and obligations
is reached, there
will be no loans
or guarantees for
Russia.

MUTUAL GUARANTEE PACT.

Mr. MacDonald defended Government's re-
jection of the Mutual Guarantee Pact, which, he
said, would probably have led to the secession
from the League of certain of the British
Dominions and other nations; and he averred
that the door to the adherence of America and
other states.

Mr. MacDonald said emphatically, he was not
in favour of the idea of using force to enforce the
decisions of the League. Such action, he said,
would only destroy its power.

TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

COUNCIL'S EXTENDED POWERS.

INTERVENTION IN DISPUTES.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 2.
The Trade Union Congress, now in session at
Hull, carried by an overwhelming majority an
amendment to standing orders, giving the General
Council extended powers to intervene in strikes,
lock-outs or threatened disputes.

The mover of the amendment said that
federated capital was showing its hand more
strongly every week; the battle in the industrial
field was becoming fiercer and the workers wanted
central leadership control.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

SPANISH REINFORCEMENTS SENT.

RAISULI'S MEN JOIN REBELS.

GIBRALTAR, September 2.
It is learned from a Spanish source, that 50,000
troops have been sent to Morocco as reinforce-
ments during the past fortnight.
Shells bursting on the African coast have been
visible from the heights of Gibraltar to-day.
Advisers from Tangier state that Raisuli's
adherents have joined the rebels.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

STATE OF ROAD PRIMARY CAUSE.

A DANGEROUS SPRING.

In returning a verdict of acci-
dental death at the Kowloon
Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon,
the jury who have been holding an
inquiry into the circumstances
attending the death of a Chinese
female who was killed on July 3,
as a result of a bus overturning
on the Kowloon City road, added
a rider that they considered the
primary cause of the accident to
be the imperfect levelling of the
road with the railway lines which
crossed it at this spot.

This they considered, threw the
personal opinion of the jury into
state of the road and also the
fact that the bus was not fitted
with a patent spring attached to the
steering gear, which they con-
sidered a dangerous and useless
attachment for any public vehicle,
and one which should be forbidden
by law.

The No. 1 fitter of the Kowloon
Motor Bus Company, the owners
of the bus, had stated in evidence
that there was a spring fixed to
the steering gear. This spring
was used to bring the front wheels
back to neutral position after the
bus was turned to the right or
left. Witness had had 14 years'
experience with motor cars.

Cross-examined by the jury
witness said that the company had
three buses fitted with the spring.
The driver of this bus had only
driven a bus with springs for two
days, this being the second day
that he had handled this bus.
Mr. J. Smith, acting chief
mechanical engineer of the Kow-
loon-Canton Railway, said that his
state of the road and also the
fact that the bus was not fitted
with a patent spring attached to the
steering gear, which they con-
sidered a dangerous and useless
attachment for any public vehicle,
and one which should be forbidden
by law.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

The returns of the M.O.H. for
the week ending August 30, show
one death from diphtheria and one
from puerperal fever. Both victims
were Chinese. Six cases of enteric
are also included in the list, four
being Chinese (2 imported), one
British and one Portuguese.
For the 24 hours ending
September 1, four fresh cases of
enteric were reported, two British,
two Chinese.

The principal tenant of No. 16,
Wing Fung Street, was summoned
by Sanitary Inspector, W. Knight,
before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne in
the Hongkong Court this morning,
for allowing twelve people to pass
the night in the basement of the
said premises a week ago, con-
trary to the health laws of the
Colony. Defendant was ordered
to vacate the basement within
twenty-four hours and further in-
formed to apply to the Sanitary
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LUCK.

ZEST OF EXISTENCE.

[BY JOHN BLUNT.]

One is always pleased to hear of people who owe their life or fortune to some unexpected piece of good luck, because such chances add a romantic spice to existence; and because one thinks instinctively that if such things happen to other people perhaps they will happen to oneself.

I have been led to these reflections by reading of how Zaghdi Pasha probably owes his life to the chance that he was saluting when his would-be assassin fired at him and that the bullet, therefore, instead of piercing his heart, glanced off his arm.

That is the kind of good luck one calls "providential," but in a lesser degree we are most of us constantly experiencing small bits of good luck. We call on a friend just on the one afternoon in the week on which he happens to be in (or out); we manage to catch a train because the train is late; we get to know a charming person by the merest fluke—such examples could be multiplied absolutely indefinitely.

THE CUT-AND-DRIED. Few of us, of course, experience startling examples of good luck, but then few of us experience startling examples of bad luck.

If only one person out of hundreds of thousands wins the Calcutta Sweep, only one person out of hundreds of thousands gets killed in a railway accident.

But the ordinary chances of luck are always with us and are always affecting our lives, whether for good or evil. And it is, on the whole, a very fortunate thing that it is so.

If existence were entirely cut and dried, how terribly boring existence would be! Now, when we get up in the morning, we simply do not know what adventures may befall us before we retire to bed again. Thus life can near really be utterly dull.

DESTINY. Out of the most trivial events other events may arise to change our whole destiny. Indeed, the most important things have chance beginnings—marriage, for instance.

After all, life, in its very nature, is haphazard and uncertain. How many people's careers really follow what their parents planned, and who knows anything about the future?

We are all more or less blindly groping our way in a world full of mysteries and among people who, even if they are our best friends, are largely enigmas to us.

In all the circumstances it is, indeed, a perpetual wonder to me that life is not more chaotic than it is. Society, with all its defects, has organised itself for its own protection in a marvelous way. But those people who talk glibly of a future state of society when everything and everybody shall be perfect are simply ignoring the part which luck plays, and always will play, in life.

They want to make people absolutely reasonable because, being foolish theorists, they shut their eyes to the fact that life, through its very chances, can never be anything but a wild adventure.

THE VEIL OF THE FUTURE. And yet, if we were given the choice, who would select to read his future? For as things are we feel that anything may happen to us, but if we knew, for example, the precise date of our death all the zest and adventure of existence would vanish.

In short though we often risk it at luck, yet without the knowledge that there is such a thing and that the future is unknown and may hold anything for us, life would be as dreary as a mathematical calculation.

The audience grew less and less until a speaker arose with only one man in front of him.

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"The idea that the resurrection of the dead means the recollection of the material atoms of the body at the end of the world, is impossible and unintelligent," said Bishop Gore at a conference of cremation authorities held at Wembley recently. "Such resurrection," he added, "is impossible. If we reflected on what actually becomes in the lapse of years of the particles of the body. It has no reference to the question of cremation, as opposed to burial, because cremation only does more rapidly what in any case ultimately occurs."

Dundee Boy's Discovery.

Not a little excitement was caused in Mortimer Street, Dundee, and vicinity when it became known that a large sum of money was found by some children in a rubbish heap. On investigation, it was ascertained that the money, which consisted mostly of one, five, and ten pound notes, had belonged to the late Miss Margaret Smeaton, who died at 2 Mortimer Street, some weeks previously. Miss Smeaton, who was over 80 years of age, lived alone, and had no relatives in the city. After her death a lot of old clothes belonging to Miss Smeaton were laid aside to be burned. It was while playing in the wash-house that the nine-year-old son of a neighbour came upon the money. Tearing open a paper bag which was inside an old hat, he pulled out a bundle of pound notes. The rubbish heap was then ransacked, and a number of other notes were found in old clothes and other cast-off material.

G. B. S. and Asparagus.

George Bernard Shaw, who has before now made some sharp divisions between things which he deems pleasant or unpleasant, has just now remarked that he considers the vegetable asparagus to be unpleasant. Observes a writer in "John O' London's Weekly." As Shaw is a lifelong vegetarian, we are obliged to heed what he says about vegetables. Berthold Tree once remarked that the difference between Shaw and myself is that he goes through life with a tin of lentils in his hand and I with a flask of wine. But Shaw is fully entitled to his vegetarianism, for it is part of his fantastic Puritanism and typical of his love for Ireland, where at any rate the potato is not neglected. The danger of being a vegetarian seems to me to be that of becoming like the vegetable you eat. Brussels sprouts might induce red hair, and carrots might induce red hair. In the case of asparagus, the likelihood in its case may have caused Bernard Shaw to take a dislike to it. For usually, your asparagus gets all the fat places and leaves you thin. That is the case of all the people.

Robbed on Wedding Day.

While William Worthington, electrical engineer, of Cairns, was being married at St. Stephen's Church, Chatswood, to Miss Vera Williams, a thief entered the residence of the bride's parents and got away with all the bride's clothing, including her trousseau, worth £130. The place was deserted at the time, everybody being at church to witness the ceremony. In addition to wedding presents valued at more than £100, which were displayed in the dining-room, there were in other rooms valuable frocks belonging to other ladies of the household, and also money, watches, and chains, left there by the men when they changed hurriedly to attend the wedding. Most of these, however, were passed over in favour of the bride's belongings. An examination revealed that a window had been smashed in with a mallet. The only dress Mrs. Worthington could call her own was the wedding garment.

Gamble in Wheat.

A mystery exists as to who is gambling in wheat, and as to why it is that there has been an advance of 17s. per quarter in best Canadian qualities during the last few months.

The situation, however, is perfectly clear to some of the grain importers in Hull (writes a "North Mail" correspondent), which is one of the largest milling centres of the world.

A grain importer of the highest standing, and who has had half a century's experience in the trade, said:

There is no mystery to us, for we are fully aware that the present situation has been brought about by a powerful and huge syndicate of Americans who are operating from Chicago.

Nothing equal to this gambling has been experienced since the Joseph Leiter boom of many years ago when Joseph Leiter, the son of a very wealthy American magnate, began operating in wheat, and conceived the idea that if he could control the remainder of the supply of old crop wheat for that year, and could finance it, he would be able to force values up and, to use a Yankeeism, make a huge pile. His attempt to corner the market in wheat only ended in a terrible catastrophe, as wheat fell enormously in value.

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Tartar in a Harem.

Dressed as a Turkish woman, a Rumanian Tartar gained entry into a harem, where he proceeded to demand a necklace of gold coins which an inmate was wearing. When she refused he knocked her down, seized the booty and made off. The victim gave a description of the "woman" to the police and he was arrested.

Sermon-A-Day Holiday.

To preach eight sermons in six days is the strange holiday arrangement of an energetic New York minister at present visiting London. He is the Rev. John McNeill of the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church, New York City, who has held pastorates in Edinburgh, London and Liverpool. Mr. McNeill describes his visit as a vacation, and people are wondering what he does when he is really hard at work.

Crimean Surgeon.

In the little village of Chandler's Ford, near Romsey, Hants, lives Dr. Arthur E. T. Longhurst, who served as surgeon-major in the Crimean War, and in the Indian Mutiny. Dr. Longhurst was the superintendent of the Scutari hospital in which Florence Nightingale worked. For his courage and devotion he was mentioned in despatches. At ninety-three, Dr. Longhurst is hale and hearty, enjoying long walks and attending unaided to a large garden.

Princess Mary.

Motorists are to be prohibited from using the road which leads to Goldborough Church, which Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles attends when, at present, she is living at Goldborough Hall. On Sundays the village street is packed with the motor-cars and motor-coaches of people whose one idea is to see her. At a meeting of the Knarborough Rural Council, the chairman, Mr. W. Atkinson, said that people went to the church and if Princess Mary was not there they deliberately walked out. Dr. B. H. H. said visitors came from all over the country out of curiosity. The road to the church has a dead end.

Wed On Death-Bed.

Miss Isabel Shadforth, who went through a marriage ceremony with Alexander Fewster when he was on his deathbed in hospital at Hartlepool, has been informed that the marriage was not strictly legal. After making inquiries the rural dean of Hartlepool (Canon F. C. Macdonald) made the following statement:

The so-called wedding in Hartlepool Hospital was only a religious service. To have constituted it a legal marriage would have required a licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury, which had not been obtained.

Fewster, who had been injured at work, died about 24 hours after the ceremony. The deputy registrar of Durham is understood to have issued an authority for the marriage under the impression that it was to take place in a church.

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T. A. ROBERTSON, Lt. Col.
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1924.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1924.

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MAN AND EVEREST

THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

The climbing of Mount Everest,
as one of the members of a former
expedition remarked, is in essence
a physiological problem (writes a
"Manchester Guardian" medical
correspondent). Whatever the
actual details of the recent tragedy
in which two climbers lost their
lives, it is certain that the intensely
arduous and unnatural atmospheric
conditions of high altitudes were
predominant factors in this un-
happy ending to the last of many
gallant attempts.Around the questions relating to
respiration, and particularly to
respiration at high altitudes, some
of the most sternly-contested
scientific battles of recent times
have been fought. There are still
two schools of thought—the
Barcroft school at Cambridge, and
the Haldane school at Oxford.
But the main point of difference
between them is a minor one—
namely, whether at high altitudes
the lung does or does not take up
an active part, instead of a purely
passive one, in the absorption of
oxygen by the blood. In the main,
the mechanism of respiration is,
thanks to those two workers and
their associates, comparatively
fully understood.The colouring matter of blood is
known as hemoglobin; it is a
substance which possesses, from a
chemical point of view, many
remarkable characteristics. It
combines readily with oxygen, in
proportion to the amount present
in the air of the lung. It gives up
its oxygen with equal readiness,
and under conditions which obtain
in the parts of the body, whether
they be muscles, gland, or other
organs, where oxygen is needed.
These conditions are, first, a low
oxygen content and, secondly, a
high acid content. Muscular and
other vital cavities absorb oxygen,
and involve an output of carbonic
acid. It will be seen, therefore,
that hemoglobin is admirably
adapted as an oxygen carrier.The amount of oxygen coming
in contact with the blood circulat-
ing in the lungs is obviously
determined by the rate of breath-
ing. And this rate is, by another
beautiful adaptation, regulated
from the brain, without the
necessary intervention of con-
sciousness, by the amount of
carbonic acid in the blood. Hence,
the more one works the more
carbonic acid the more one
manufactures and the more
oxygen one needs; and the more
carbonic acid, the more oxygen
is available.Now at great heights, as all
know, the amount of oxygen
available is relatively small. At
10,000 feet, for example, the
oxygen is only 11 per cent of that
at sea level. So anyone living at
that height needs to breathe much
quicker, other things being equal,
in order to get the same amount
of oxygen per minute. But, as
has been said, it is not shortage
of oxygen that makes us breathe
faster when we run, it is acid
production; and that remains the
same as at ground level.

MENTAL ABERRATION.

The present writer's experience
of altitudes was obtained not on
mountains, but on high-flying
aeroplanes. The symptoms were,
however, very much the same as
those on mountains. Above 20,000
feet breathing, if discomfort were
to be avoided, had to be a conscious
and laborious effort. The pulse
was much quickened, and the
rapidity of the heart's action be-
came oppressive. After some
hours intense headache came on,
and after a descent nausea, loss of
appetite and incapacity for effort
continued for a long time.But the most remarkable feature
is the mental change. The com-
pass in the writer's machine had
the maker's name upon it and the
town of manufacture. Yet on
occasions he was unable to remem-
ber what language they were
written in or to recognise the
letters. An observer in the same
machine once persisted in beating
the pilot's head with a Lewis Gun
magazine instead of firing at an
enemy machine. And an intense
irritability is the only conscious
sensation. The skin itches every-
where, and the effort to scratch
results in great physical prostra-
tion. The slightest effort, in fact,
is more exhausting than a hundred
yards sprint on the ground.It is reported that Haldane, while
undergoing a test at sea level, by
means of an exhausted chamber,
on diminished oxygen tension,
tried to examine the colour of his
lips by looking for several minutes
at the back of a mirror. And
former Everest explorers have
testified to the seriousness of this
lack of mental control of the situa-
tion.In climbing, however, the mys-
terious properties of acclimatisa-
tion come into play, whereas
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TROUBLE IN FLAT.

STORY OF JEALOUSY OF
WOMAN'S BEAUTY.London, July 22.—Jealousy of a
woman's beauty was said to have
been a cause of trouble between the
occupants of a flat at Queen's
square, Brighton, which led to an
action for alleged slander at Lewes
Assizes yesterday.Mrs. Marie Lucinda Lee, the 27-
years-old wife of a solicitor, sued
Albert Underwood, secretary of the
Brighton and Hove Albion
Football Club, and his wife, for
damages for alleged slander. There
was a counter-claim against the
plaintiff on the same ground.It was alleged that Mrs. Under-
wood said, in the hearing of her
maid and chauffeur, that
"Mrs. Lee ought to be in prison—
she is a painted, dyed-haired wo-
man, and not married at all." Mrs.
Lee denied accusing Underwood
of being associated with colored
people. She admitted that in a letter
to the chief constable of Brighton
she wrote: "It is perfectly obvious
that stolen property is being
melted down in the Underwoods
flat."Miss Annie Pollard, a servant,
said that Mrs. Underwood was
jealous of Mrs. Lee's good looks.For the defence, Mr. Charles
Doughty said that Mrs. Lee's
tongue had made life intolerable
for decent people in Queen's
square. Her mind was warped,
and her nature wicked and
malicious.Mrs. Underwood denied the
allegations and said that once
Mrs. Lee shouted "You are all
jealous of me because I am young
and beautiful."Mr. Underwood, in evidence,
alleged that Mrs. Lee had called
him a thief, a coiner, and a re-
ceiver of stolen property. At the
police station he was shown
anonymous letters making similar
allegations.mization is a gradually
acquired feature. In part, it
least, it depends upon the fact that
there is an increase which is quite
marked in the number of red
blood corpuscles, which carry the
haemoglobin. For example, in
Christiania, which is at sea level,
the average number of red blood
cells is five millions per cubic
millimetre. At Cordillera, which
is 4,302 metres above sea level, the
inhabitants have eight millions in
the same volume. Thus a larger
amount of oxygen is carried by
the same quantity of blood flowing
through the lung at a faster rate.

LIMITS OF ACCLIMATIZATION.

But there limits to the extent
to which acclimatization may go,
and indeed acclimatization, owing
to the increased viscosity of
blood, may cause frost-bite.
Oxygen is therefore carried in-
sufficiently; but if the oxygen
supply gives out, or if the apparatus
is damaged, the climber is in a
worse state than if he had none.
The sudden change may well be
fatal, and many pilots during the
war preferred to do without it
altogether.The limits of acclimatization are
dependent to a considerable
degree on the personal factor.
Some individuals are capable
of reacting to the new
conditions very much more
markedly than others, and in-
dependently of any new production
of red blood cells. In this con-
nection may be mentioned the
Haldane-Barcroft controversy, re-
ferred to above. Haldane believes
that in such individuals the lining
membrane acquires the power of
secreting oxygen, as a gland
secretes milk or saliva. A gland
can collect substances
present in small quantities
in the circulating fluid and secrete
them in a concentrated form. So
says Haldane, the lung collects
oxygen from the air and gives it
to the blood in concentrated form.
But Barcroft has gone to the
Andes and immersed himself for
days in a closed chamber with a
low oxygen tension to disprove
this statement. And, if one must
take sides, it behoves a Cambridge
graduate to accept his very power-
ful arguments.Life at high altitudes, however,
is very precarious. Acclimatisa-
tion is but a makeshift; the
inhabitants of Tibet rarely live
beyond fifty. And apparently
acclimatization and resistance to
high altitude conditions are less
developed in lower animals
and in those that live in the
writer took down such a chamber
up to 20,000 feet in a balloon with
one and all, though protected from
the cold, quickly died.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND
NEAR.Toy balloons released as a
holiday resort advertising experi-
ment by Brighton Town Publicity
Committee have reached parts of
France, Belgium, Holland, Swit-
zerland, and Germany, as well as
places in the Midlands and north
of England and Scotland.For the by-election at
Carmarthen, caused by the re-
signation of Sir Ellis Griffith, K.C.,
the Conservative Association
adopted Sir Alfred Stephens as
candidate. The Labour Party
adopted the Rev. E. T. Owen.
Sir Alfred Mond is the Liberal
candidate.A recent visit by Viscount
Churchill, chairman of the Great
Western Railway, and his fellow
directors to Plymouth has revived
the hope that something will
shortly be done to develop the
place as a mercantile port,
particularly for cross-Channel
trade.Timothy Daly, 53, who was
sentenced at London Sessions to
three years' penal servitude and
five years' preventive detention
for receiving jewellery belonging
to Mrs. Ella Fry, of the Norfolk
Hotel, Paddington, was stated to
have been convicted 12 times in
17 years.Sir Henry Lambert, Senior Crown
Agent for the Colonies is to act as
Permanent Secretary, when he
goes with the Empire Parlia-
mentary Association delegation to
South Africa this year.Having considered the official
report on the sudden death of Sir
William Herdman, a world
authority on marine biology, in an
hotel at Euston, and also medical
certificates that he suffered from
angina pectoris, Mr. Danford
Thomas, the coroner for Central
London, has decided that an
inquest is unnecessary.

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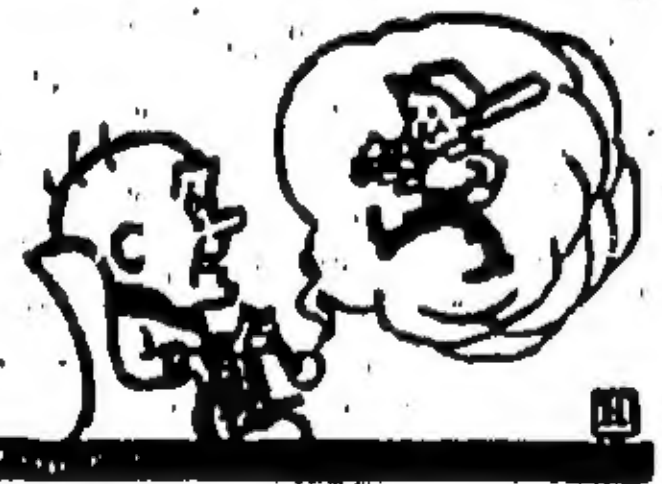
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SMOULDERING.

Serious trouble threatening in the North—fighting may break out any moment—it is timely once more to survey conditions in the South, since these may have a very strong bearing on the coming conflict, quite possibly even deciding the day and thus giving a new turn to China's destiny. Baldly stated, conditions in the South are bad. Although the Canton general strike has been settled, close European observers hold that the city is still living on the edge of a volcano, the terms being resented in "high Chinese circles." Moreover there are those who say that Dr. Sun Yat-sen himself is not in agreement with the settlement, and the statement attributed to him in a vernacular paper that he does not want the five lakhs the Volunteers must pay for the arms

is described as simply another example of "sour grapes," certain generals grabbing the money as a matter of course. Another complaint he has with the settlement is the setback it gives to his latest financial venture, the Central Bank, whose notes he has been trying to force on an unwilling public. This particular item, it is said, was not mentioned in the negotiations with the Volunteers, but, it is understood, a "gentlemen's agreement" was reached promising that the Central Bank's notes would not be forced on the public. Thus the general strike settlement can at best only be described as a surface settlement, beneath which lie the chagrin of the Volunteers, the discontent of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and (of course) the greed of the militarists. Whether the Volunteers, now brought under the jurisdiction of the Government, will ever have another opportunity of organizing defiance and whether Dr. Sun Yat-sen, depending largely upon mercenaries for his position, will get a chance to take revenge are

questions which cannot easily be answered; but it is certain that if trouble does not arise from one of these quarters it will arise soon enough from the greed of the militarists. These gentlemen cannot long refrain from intriguing against each other for greater power, and the moment one feels that he has an opportunity, he will not hesitate to renounce his allegiance to the nominal ruler of Canton. Once such a schism takes place, all will be in the melting pot. Hitherto the various militarists in Canton, possibly not feeling strong enough for individual action, have contented themselves with minor intrigues, leaving Dr. Sun Yat-sen in nominal control to avoid forcing the issue by raising the question of a successor. However, with serious trouble imminent in the North and powerful war lords like Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin threatening to take the field against each other the situation in Canton becomes charged with new dangers, since any one faction there might quite possibly be tempted by promises from the North to precipitate a crisis. That is why the Canton situation may well prove an important factor in the impending trouble near Shanghai, and why, besides involving another part of the country in bloodshed, it might easily, as we have said, give a new turn to China's destiny.

Labour's Hotheads.

A few of the Labour party leaders have been against the Dawes' report since its inception and there have been indications recently that it has by no means met with the unanimous approval of the rank and file of the party, although the head of the Labour Government is largely responsible for the agreement which has been reached as to the methods of putting it into operation. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether the wild statements which recent cables tell us were made at the Trade Union Congress at Hull were representative of the opinion of the members of the Congress who really have the welfare of the Government at heart. The large majority, by which the motion, repudiating the tactics of the few hotheads, was carried, rather points to the conclusion that it was nothing but an attack on the policy of the Government by the Communist members of the Congress. Notwithstanding the marked way in which the moderate members of the Congress thus showed their disagreement with such tactics, there is undoubtedly a feeling in the minds of many in the Labour party—and in fact of many outside it—that the operation of the report will lead to the dumping in England of cheap German goods which will compete with British manufactures; and thereby force the British workman to accept wages and conditions equal to the German workers. There is, also, a feeling among the Socialists that it is not enough to make Germany pay reparations but that the Government should insist on Germany re-establishing the eight-hour day, setting up a minimum wage and levying taxes on her capitalists, who are so ready to pass their own burden to the working class. This feeling, which so far has only been voiced by a few, will no doubt be brought forward in the proper quarter and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will be given an opportunity of making a statement as to the practicability of such a scheme. He would surely be the first to admit its desirability. At any rate, it is a hopeful sign that it is not the function of a Trade Union gathering to enlarge upon Labour Government legislation.

"Only Fourth."

Canton's general strike recalls to mind a phrase in use centuries ago when the Chinese classified their professions under four heads, viz., the officials, the agriculturists, the artisans and the merchants. This term, pronounced *Sze, Nung, Kung, Sang* in Cantonese, is still in use to-day. As will be seen, officials—including the men who devoted their lives to study, official rank being bestowed on examination results—came first. Probably the farmers were placed second, because everybody was dependent on their crops. Even in the later days of the Manchou Dynasty, merchants were not considered strictly honourable men. There was once a famous case when the compradors of a British firm had a magnificent ancestral hall con-

secrated because he was a merchant and, therefore, regarded as one unfit to erect a place where the money of ancestors would be preserved. However, a distinction made during the strike was that the bourgeoisie, rather than the actual merchants, were the backbone of the strike as they stood to gain more by inflicting a check on the Canton Government. As a Chinese in Hongkong aptly predicted, the merchants being only the fourth of the four classes, could not win without the support of at least two other classes.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 3.—Coronet Theatre; "Humoresque."
September 3.—World Theatre; "A Lady of Quality."
September 3.—Queen's Theatre; "Her Sacrifice," "Judgment of the Storm" at night performances.
September 3.—Star Theatre; "A City Sparrow."
Friday, Sept. 26.—Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

September 10.—First ordinary meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, noon.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.
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November 6.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

September 3.—Lecture on "Spiritualism," at the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.
September 5.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
September 8.—Fourth yearly drawing of Debentures of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Renter cable from New York states that the Belgian Loan has been over-subscribed.

Father McShane, of the Maryknoll Mission, accompanied by seven nuns, left Hongkong last night by the s.s. "Kwong Ying" en route for Lo Tung to open the convent he has built there.

A Chinese woman named Li Kam, 71 years of age, when alighting from a ferry launch at Hung Hom Wharf yesterday, had one of her feet injured. It was so badly crushed between the launch and the pier that the woman had to be removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital at Yau-mat for treatment.

Rev. J. T. Holman, formerly Assistant Chaplain at St. John's Cathedral, who is now at the British Legation, Peking, has very kindly presented to the Cathedral a bronze ewer for carrying the water to the font. It was made in Peking and makes a worthy addition to the furniture of the Cathedral.

Before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne at the Central Magistracy this morning, a number of cases of cutting trees in Government No. 2 Plantation, near Stubbs' Road, were heard. The defendants, some of whom were women, stated that they were new comers from the country and were not aware of the law. Fines of \$3 each were imposed.

Chinese, particularly, have been interested in the screen production by their Shanghai compatriots of the film known as "Her Sacrifice," which has enjoyed a brief run at the Queen's Theatre during the 23rd and 715 performances. "Judgment of the Storm," a Palmer picture full of stirring incidents is the 5.15 and 9.15 attraction.

St. John's Cathedral "Church Notes." Mr. Denman Fuller writes from a nursing home in Bournemouth, expressing thanks for the recent gifts from the Cathedral congregation and other members of the community, and also expresses his appreciation of the honour done him by placing a plate in the Cathedral commemorating his work in connection with the organ. Whilst he shows some signs of progress, he still has a dreadful cold. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery to health.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CORRECTION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]
Sir,—In my letter of yesterday's date about "Kowloon Nuisance," I erroneously stated that the site is situated next to East View Buildings. This should read West View Buildings. Will you kindly give effect to this correction in the next issue of your paper?
Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours etc.,
POSKITT.
Kowloon, September 3.

RICSHA CONTROL NEEDED.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Your action in publishing this will perhaps cause attention from the authorities concerned to the daily sprawling of private and public rickshas, coolies at the lower end of Ice House Street turning into Des Voeux Road.
Yesterday the rickshas were two deep causing considerable annoyance to the pedestrians having to pass through that street to and from Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road. The rickshas are all private owned and so there is no earthly reason why they should not be stationed in Chater Road, on Connaught Road, or somewhere around Statue Square out of the way. They are practically only used before and after office hours and so the removal will be a public service. Furthermore the three-in-one type of broker's ricksha, as well as any other vehicle on wheels, could, with benefit, be prohibited from passing through the street at all.

For those wishing to go to Queen's Road it is only a moment away by Pedder Street or down by the Theatre; let there be at least one road the walker can use in Hongkong freely.

At the present an Indian or Chinese policeman sometimes clears the coolies away just as long as the guardian of the law is in view after which the coolies again scramble for places and settle for the rest of the day. Half-hearted measures are of no use whereas confiscation of a few licences, after a first warning, would no doubt meet the case. The constant supervision of a foreign or Indian policeman also in this locality (not the policeman on duty in Queen's Road) would work wonders.

Your etc.,
PEDESTRIAN.
Hongkong, September 3.

ASSAULT.

CROW-BAR USED AS WEAPON.

An employee of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. appeared before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne at the Hongkong Court this morning on a charge of assault with a crow-bar, at Wanchai, yesterday.
Defendant was fined \$2 or five days imprisonment in default; in addition he was ordered to pay \$1 compensation to complainant. Both parties were bound over in the sum of \$25 to be of good behaviour for three months.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death is announced of M. Mihu, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Rumania.

A Geneva message states that M. Herriot, the French Premier, received an enthusiastic ovation from the crowd at the station. The French Premier is visiting Geneva to attend the meeting of the League of Nations.

Among local residents who returned by the "Empress of Canada" were Mr. S. M. Churn, Mr. J. J. Harrington, Mr. R. F. Mattingley, Mr. P. D. Sutherland, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland and Miss E. Middleton Smith.

Lieutenant William Manning last survivor of Captain Perry's expedition to Japan, died in New York, Aug. 28. An American squadron in command of Captain Perry visited Japan in 1852 and Perry as special envoy of the United States delivered to representatives of the emperor a letter from President Fillmore. In 1854 Perry returned to Japan and negotiated a treaty which marked the first step in the opening of Japan to foreign commerce and residence.

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APPEAL COURT.

LOCAL PIRACY RULES AND BOND FORFEITURE.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., replied to the arguments of the appellants' counsel at the Appeal Court held at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon in the case in which the Sze Yap S.S. Co., Ltd. appeal against the decision of Mr. C. D. Melbourne that there had been a breach of a bond under the Piracy Regulations on the occasion of the piratical attack on their ship, the "Tai Lee" and that the bond (\$5,000) should be forfeited.

Appellants were represented by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., appeared for the Crown.

Taking the point which had been argued that the Ordinance was *ultra vires* because it had not been assented to by the Sovereign and that it was not within the powers of the Legislative body to delegate certain powers to the Executive body, Mr. Potter said that it must not be forgotten that His Majesty had assented to the Ordinance which contained the section which gives the Executive Council the powers to make these regulations; so, that how they became *ultra vires* because they had not the King's assent, he failed to see. In its own sphere the Colonial Government was all powerful.

Continuing, he said the Piracy Ordinance did not say that ships using the Canton river, or going to Haiphong, or any of the other ports were committing an offence by not complying with certain regulations, but it did say that first of all purported to deal with people within the Government's jurisdiction. Mr. Fitzroy had said that under Section 3, a ship owner living in New York could be held responsible for acts committed in Hongkong. He disassembled from that. The Ordinance dealt with people within the jurisdiction of the Colony; it dealt only with owners, charterers, or agents, who were in the Colony, and who came within territorial legislation.

The Government merely compelled owners to enter into a bond which they were perfectly competent to enter into with the Government.

To-day's Proceedings.

Mr. Potter this morning quoted cases dealing with the powers of local legislature to impose obligations on people outside the waters of the Colony and in support of his contention that the civil contract entered into by the owners of the ship was a perfectly good one. The effect of the Ordinance was merely to enable the Government to demand a civil contract which, under our own law, the Government and the shipping owner were competent to do. It was for their Lordships to say whether it was a valid Ordinance or not. The Ordinance, claimed Mr. Potter, was obviously valid and there had been no contention to the contrary.

Question of Responsibility.

Regarding the Regulations which the owners were charged with having broken they had the result that, if certain things were done in breach of the arrangement made to between the owners and the Government, the owners were responsible on the terms of their agreement (in this case a civil one). Mr. Alabaster had claimed that, in so far as the regulations imposed duties on persons outside the Colony, they were nugatory and not in force. He (Mr. Potter) claimed that his argument and the cases cited showed that no duties were imposed on persons outside the Colony.

Mr. Alabaster's next point had been that all regulations made by the Governor-in-Council were null and void, because he had no authority to make them, because the Crown could not be deprived of its right of veto.

What, asked Mr. Potter, had the argument, that His Majesty was deprived of this right, to do with the validity of these regulations? What was the sense in taking such an argument when His Majesty, by giving consent to the Ordinance which gave the Government powers to make regulations, was an assenting party to it. Complete local liability had been assented to and power had been given to an authority to make the regulations. It did not matter who was authorised to make the Regulations. If the Regulations said that the Captain Superintendent of Police could draw them up they would be perfectly valid.

Regarding Mr. Alabaster's argument that the Piracy Regulations were repugnant to the Merchant Shipping Act, Mr. Potter claimed that it was for Mr. Alabaster to show what Section of it this Ordinance and the regulations were inconsistent. He could not expect him to go through its 788 Sections.

RUSH WORK.

MAGISTRATE'S BUSY MORNING.

PLETHORA OF CASES.

Comptrol's table at the "big court" of the Central Magistracy this morning resembled the starting point of an important race. Solicitors manoeuvred for positions at the half dozen or so chairs and each moved eagerly forward in an endeavour to be the first to catch the Magistrate's eye.

After Mr. J. M. Hall's two cases had been put back on the list, Mr. E. S. C. Brookes got up and received a hearing. Mr. B. S. Corko was also concerned in this case in which there was a little delay through a number of defendants being absent. Mr. Brookes had then another case—a P.W.D. summons—and then Mr. C. A. S. Russ addressed His Worship (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) who was sitting in place of Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. Russ had a bevy of cases for which dates had to be fixed. He returned to the Court after a brief interval to inform His Worship that his client would plead guilty to certain offences alleged by the P.W.D. whereupon Mr. Hamilton remarked that Mr. Russ had already occupied about half an hour of the Court's time and although a plea of "guilty" expedited hearing, he would have to wait a while.

Omission to repair some defective roofs was the charge preferred against the first of Mr. Russ's clients. As soon as the defendant's name was called Mr. Russ observed to the Magistrate that the Building Authority had refused to issue a "desirability certificate" when defendant applied to have the houses pulled down and another department in the P.W.D. had now insisted that the roofs were in a dangerous condition. Mr. Russ maintained that a week's adjournment would do no harm as the buildings could not be in a dangerous condition when the Building Authority was against demolition.

Other cases in which Mr. Russ defended were one of possession of arms which was put back so that he could interview the Captain Superintendent of Police and one of alleged possession of lottery tickets which was remanded. Mr. Russ also represented the Sun Maid Raisins Growers' Association, complainants in an alleged infringement of trademark case.

Meanwhile, Mr. R. A. Wadeson had jockeyed into the chair vacated by Mr. Brookes. At the moment Mr. Russ had finished, Mr. Wadeson got up to mention a case in which Mr. B. D. R. Beith's No. 2 chauffeur was defendant. Mr. Wadeson informed His Worship that Mr. Beith had been waiting a considerable time and asked that his evidence, which would be of the briefest, be taken first so that he could get down to his office.

His Lordship was on the point of asking Mr. Beith to go into the witness-box when Mr. Brookes returned and asked if His Worship would hear him again as his client in the P.W.D. case would plead "guilty" and not more than two minutes would be taken. His Worship consented.

Almost simultaneously with His Worship's announcement of the fine, Mr. J. H. Gordon Leask rose and addressed the Magistrate. Mr. Leask said that he had been waiting three quarters of an hour and he only came up for a date to be fixed for the Kelly and Walsh v. Brewer & Co. case. His Worship, however, decided to take Mr. Beith's evidence first, this occupying less than a minute.

Mr. Leask and Mr. Brewer were then attended to and Mr. Russ came back to tell His Worship that in the P.W.D. summons he withdrew his application for an adjournment and pleaded "guilty." He did so, Mr. Russ said, with two objects. One object was to save His Worship's time and the second was that by saving His Worship's time he hoped that His Worship would impose only a very small fine. (Laughter.) In one case His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 with an order for the P.W.D. to notice to be complied with in 28 days and in the other, the fine was of the same amount but the "order period" was only ten days.

The case against Mr. Beith's chauffeur was then continued. On its adjournment the Court proceeded with its usual routine of police prosecutions added to which were a number of P.W.D. summonses in which defendants were not legally represented.

Mr. Alabaster, in reply, said that the Crown had been labouring to establish that the only point to be decided by the Court was whether the Ordinance of 1914 was *ultra vires* or not. This point, so far from being the main one, had nothing to do with the case. The case hung on whether or not the Regulations were *ultra vires*. (Case proceeding.)

CHEKIANG-KIANGSU WAR.

HOSTILITIES REPORTED TO HAVE STARTED
CLOSE TO SHANGHAI.

FOREIGN POWERS TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

Demonstrations Resorted To.

Though no definite news has reached here, as to whether the Chekiang and Kiangsu forces have clashed, an exclusive message to the "Daily Bulletin" points to the probabilities of fighting having commenced between Shanghai and Foochow yesterday. In view of Reuter's latest message, it is to be presumed that, if there was any actual fighting, it was only an affair of outposts, although war now seems inevitable.

OUTLOOK IS BLACK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, September 3. The situation on the Quinsan front is, according to Reuter's Special correspondent at Nanking, hourly growing critical and hostilities might begin at any minute.

Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan, of Kiangsu, is fully prepared, and the trend of events, during the past two days, indicates that the choice, forced on him to recover control of Shanghai, is by war not peace.

Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang seems to have scorned all offers of peace; and, as Chi is determined to regain Shanghai, there does not appear any alternative but a general advance on it and its final capture.

Fighting Reported.

A "Daily Bulletin" despatch, of yesterday's date, reads:

A Paris despatch quotes the Ministry of Marine as announcing that the French cruisers "Tulre" and "Colonne" will proceed from Saigon to Shanghai.

The French despatch-boat "Alain" has been ordered to Tientsin.

Wholesale Conscription.

A Reuter's Special Service message to the "Daily Bulletin," dated yesterday from Shanghai, reads:

There is a merciless wholesale conscription everywhere throughout the war area. Farmers, labourers, coolies, and any man fit

to fight or carry a bucket are being pressed into service, and consequently the countryside is deserted, except for children, aged people and soldiers.

The better classes everywhere are fleeing where they can flee. Houses, furniture, implements, boats and everywhere that can be commandeered has been commandeered, and complete tyranny is exercised by the troops wherever they go.

There were persistent rumours in circulation this afternoon that fighting had commenced in the country between Soochow and Shanghai, but it is impossible to confirm them.

Detachments from two of His Majesty's warships are coming ashore on Wednesday morning, presumably in the nature of a demonstration to guard the Consulates, etc.

At a meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce, with reference to the imminence of war, it was decided to remain strictly neutral in the event of an outbreak.

It transpires that the Shanghai-Nanking Railway was destroyed at Nansing, about 10 miles from Shanghai.

Reuter announces the return to Peking (from Peitaiho) of the Netherlands and Italian Ministers.

The Italian cruiser "Libra" has been ordered to proceed to Shanghai from Tientsin.

RATE WAR.

AUSTRALIAN RUN COM-
PETITION.

FREIGHTS TO HONGKONG.

Further evidence, if such be necessary, of the competition in freights is forthcoming from the comparative figures of rates between Australia, Hongkong, and the Far East.

That a freight war exists is admitted in some of the Australian papers but it seems that competition is keener for exports to the Far East than imports, this being attributed to the desire of Australian exporters to develop connections with the Far East.

One paper says that "behind the competition lay the efforts of Japanese shipping firms" and that the Yamashita line is now conducting a monthly service from Australia to Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan, on the steamers of which refrigerator space is being provided.

Freights on leather shipments to Hongkong eighteen months ago, the same paper states, was 120s. whereas it is now only 65s.

General cargo to Hongkong, Sandakan and Manila had been 60s. for some time but only 40s. is now charged. Flour freights have fallen from 27s. 6d. to 20s.

Shipments to Shanghai bear an extra charge of 6s. for transhipment at Hongkong and the matter has become so acute that a Melbourne firm has made inquiries regarding a possibility of shipping to Vancouver by the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line and thence to Shanghai, this procedure being cheaper by a small margin than sending butter from Melbourne to Hongkong and paying cost of transhipping to Shanghai.

A peculiar condition of freights between Hongkong and Australia is that it is much cheaper to ship to Hongkong than it is to Singapore.

The respective freight rates for Hongkong and Singapore on some of the more common commodities are said to be:—General cargo, Hongkong 40s., Singapore 85s.; flour 25s. and 38s.; leather 58s. and 90s.

EUROPEAN ROBBED.

ASSAULT NEAR HONGKONG
HOTEL.

Mr. Louis Millar, described as an overseer of the Cement Products Co., Kowloon Bay, was the victim of an impudent robbery near the Hongkong Hotel during the small hours of this morning.

In his report to the Police Mr. Millar stated that about 2.40 a.m. he was attacked by about eight men who bore the appearance of public chair and ricksha coolies. He was overpowered and knocked down after which the assailants went through his pockets and decamped with a sum of \$350.

"GOD OF WEALTH."



Mr. Liang Shih-yi, a former Premier of China, arrived by the "Empress of Canada." The "God of Wealth" as he is called, is believed to have left for Canton.

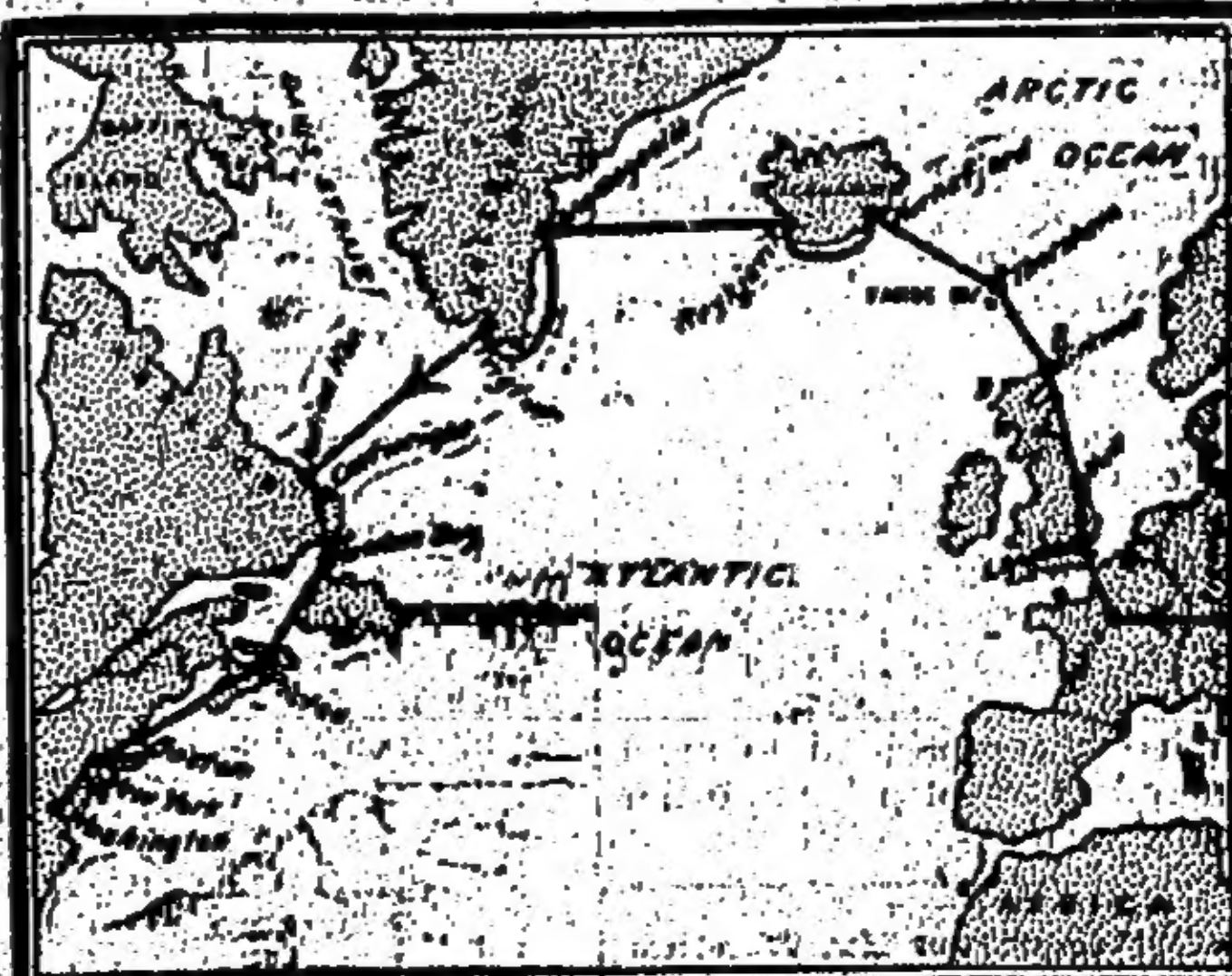
RETAINS TITLE.

A Reuter message from Forest Hill states that W. T. Tilden has retained his title as National Tennis Singles Champion. He defeated W. M. Johnston in the final by 6-1, 9-7, 6-2.



The game was most spectacular. The pace was terrific despite the tense humidity. Tilden did not give his opponent a chance, although Johnston put up a great fight in the second set.

AMERICAN WORLD FLIGHT.



A Reuter message from New York states that the American round-the-world fliers left Indian Harbour, shown above, yesterday morning. The next halt was to have been Hawkes Bay, also to be seen on the map above.

A later message, however, states that the fliers passed over Hawkes Bay, two hours after the start, heading presumably for Newfoundland.

At half-past ten this morning a message announced the fliers' arrival at Newfoundland.

RACING NOTES.

ENGINEER'S VIEWS ON
INNER TRACK.

WET WEATHER COURSE.

(By Argus.)

There was a capital attendance at the race-course this morning, when the outside of the grass track was thrown open. Thus early in training no fast work was indulged in, but trainers sent some of their more forward candidates along at a useful pace. Orient, Dahlia, Satisfaction, Dahlia, The Woodpecker and Mr. Carroll's new pony, Vineleaf, were among what may be termed the more forward brigade. The last-named is a high-priced griffin, on the small side, but said to be able to stay up to two miles. I understand he was very highly tried in Shanghai. If he is fit in time, we may see him out in the St. Leger on October 13, where his weight would be 146lbs, unless he wins before then.

The Clerk of the Course was down this morning and rode twice round the sand-track, afterwards holding an inspection of a portion which, I understand, has been treated differently to the remainder. Complaints are still general that the going is too heavy on the inside course. In this connection the following will be read with interest:

Views Of Mr. Wood.

In an interview I had yesterday with Mr. G. G. Wood, M.C.E., of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, who are the Engineers to whom the Hongkong Jockey Club entrusted the alterations to the sand-track, further light was thrown on the prospects of the alterations being of permanent benefit. Mr. Wood told me that a steady rain-fall would have the effect of making the sand settle to a certain extent, but that it could never be expected that a sand track would be anything but heavy going in dry weather.

As I myself understand the position, the alterations were made to enable the training track to be available in the wettest of weather.

Mr. Wood suggested that in view of the fact that the Club could obtain all the water required, it would be a wise move to keep the hose in play during dry weather.

Asked whether it would be feasible to do with less than six inches of sand, Mr. Wood replied in the negative. With less than six inches of sand, he said, there is the risk of the "clinkers" working through to the top or a pony putting a foot through the top dressing of sand and injuring himself on the harder layers of granite or clinkers beneath.

Mr. Wood suggested that during the dry weather the grass track should be made more use of. "Keep the ponies away from the inside rails by all means and make more use of the outside of the grass track."

In conclusion, Mr. Wood stated that the present composition of the inner track would not allow of any reliable time tests being taken, except in wet weather.

The recent work has been undertaken to ensure at least one track being available in the wettest of weather.

In view of the foregoing statements by Mr. Wood, it would seem imperative that more use should be made of the grass track. In the meantime, no harm could be done by trying what water will do. A portion of the course could be experimented with, to commence with.

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BIRTH.

JORDAIN.—At the Government Civil Hospital, on 3rd September, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jordain, a daughter.

WOULD NOT BUDGE.

MING YUEN GARDENS AND
SUB-TENANTS.

"SERVANTS' QUARTERS" LAW.

An Ordinance which was passed some years ago when the local servant evil was rampant—friends and relatives were visiting and staying with employees of European households—was mentioned in a case which came up before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Hongkong Magistracy this morning.

Under the provisions of the Ordinance the owner of the Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, had summonsed (through Mr. E. S. C. Brookes) a number of Chinese alleged to be trespassing in the servants' quarters. In the course of the hearing Mr. Brookes remarked that he could only prosecute for trespass in the servants' quarters but not other parts of a building.

Outlining his case, Mr. Brookes said that the Gardens had been leased to the Tai Kwoon Co. which had since failed. The owners had distrained and re-entered into possession. Defendants, Mr. Brookes alleged, were *loks* of the Tai Kwoon Co. who had refused to move out after the bailiff had called. His client had endeavoured to move defendants out forcibly with police present to ensure there being no breach of the peace; but at the last moment, the owner's courage failed.

Had Paid Rent.

Mr. B. S. Corke appeared for one of the defendants who was described as a sub-tenant of the Tai Kwoon Co., having leased the European refreshment department of the concern. Mr. Corke stated that when the bailiff stated that the client had satisfied the bailiff that he was a sub-tenant and that his portion of the rent had been paid up to date. He could produce the rent receipts and also a receipt for a deposit of \$360, paid to the chief tenant, which had never been repaid. His case was that his client was a sub-tenant of the Tai Kwoon Co. but he was only waiting to sell his furniture and would not stay long.

When Mr. Brookes pressed for the case to be heard, His Worship inquired as to the reason for the urgency in view of some of the defendants being absent. Mr. Brookes replied that there might be very serious trouble as some of the defendants had rung up his client by telephone and threatened to stab him. His Worship put the case back till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

DARING ROBBERY.

WOMAN LOSES VALUABLE
JEWELS

A FAKED ELECTRICIAN.

A daring robbery took place yesterday afternoon in which Chu Lee-sze, a married woman, residing at No. 19, Hing Hon Road, was the victim. According to her statement to the police, about 2 p.m. on September 2, whilst she was in her room, a man came upstairs with a canvas bag in his hands. On being asked what he wanted he replied that he was ordered to fit up electric lights in her house. When told that his services were not required, he threatened the woman with a dagger and tied her hands with a tape. He then proceeded to search the place and from a hand-bag and a box near by, he is alleged to have stolen money and jewellery to the extent of \$3,962.40. Before leaving, the man gagged his unfortunate victim so that she was unable to give the alarm until rescued by friends later, by which time the robber had made good his escape.

RAISINS TRADEMARK.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT
BY CHINESE.

An alleged infringement of the trademark of the Sun Maid Raisins Growers' Association formed the charge at the Police Court this morning, against Sum Shek-yau, a printer, and Man Keung, a sweet-meat purveyor.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared to prosecute. Mr. J. M. Hall represented the printer, but the other defendant was neither represented nor present in Court.

Mr. Russ asked for a date to be fixed as he had instructions to brief counsel. Hearing against Mr. Hall's client was fixed for noon on September 17.

It was mentioned that Man Keung had been told to attend. As he had not done so, Mr. Russ applied for a warrant for his arrest. Mr. Russ said that the seller's action had been "very fraudulent and a very deliberate infringement of the copyright." The names on the bags of the association had been infringed upon and short-weight had been discovered in the irregular bags. When the Police visited the premises they seized a large amount of "forced" bags said Mr. Russ.

Mr. Russ eventually suggested that the summons against the seller be remanded for a week. On His Worship asking how long the case against the printer would take, Mr. Russ replied that if Mr. Hall (defending the printer) took a "wise" course, hearing would be over quickly but if not, the case might take an hour. (Laughter.)

FLOOD RELIEF.

DRIVES STARTED IN NORTH.

Peking, Aug. 28.—The National Flood Relief Drive with an objective of two million dollars for the flood sufferers of China is to be opened officially on Monday, September 1. This drive is a joint enterprise of the China International Famine Relief Commission to which four-fifths of the proceeds are to go, and of the Chinese National Red Cross.

President Tsao Kun has consented to act as Honorary Chairman. The treasurers are to be the treasurers of the China International Famine Relief Commission, Mr. J. E. Baker and Admiral Tsai Ting-kan.

The opening here in Peking will be marked by a large public meeting at the Headquarters of the Red Cross, 23 Kan Mien Hutung, to which the members of the Cabinet, all the foreign ministers and many of the capital's most prominent men have been invited. President Tsao Kun is unable to attend himself, but will send a special representative.

Peking's quota to be raised during the Drive has been fixed at \$500,000, which will be raised by ten teams, five foreign and five Chinese. Other cities have been given quotas as follows:

Shanghai \$400,000, Hankow \$200,000, Kaifeng \$100,000, Changsha \$200,000, Kaifeng \$100,000, Chungking \$50,000, Tientsin \$300,000, Tainan \$100,000, Tientsin \$100,000, and Sianfu \$100,000.

"That the situation to be met is even more serious than that of the great famine year is becoming more and more apparent. In most districts, the excessive rains were preceded by severe drought which ruined the early summer crops. The water still lying over the country will prevent the planting of any Fall crops so that for a year and a half great sections of the richest agricultural regions of China will be without crops of any kind."

The two organizations participating in the drive have divided the relief work between them so that there will be "no wasteful duplication of effort." The Red Cross will handle the more immediate emergency relief and will distribute grain and money to supplement the measures taken by the local officials in the flooded areas. The China International Famine Relief Commission, on the other hand will devote itself entirely to relief measures of more permanent character, such as the building of dykes and deepening of river channels and other famine prevention measures. So far as possible the money expended on these enterprises will be loaned, repayable to the Commission when local conditions permit. In this way, the Commission hopes to add to the permanent relieving fund. It will be possible to earmark funds contributed to the Drive for either organization.

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ALTAI MARU ... Monday, 16th September
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CHAUFFEURS AT VARIANCE.

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.

Misconduct under the Employers and Servants Ordinance was the charge brought against Tong Yau-fat, the No. 2 chauffeur employed by Mr. B. D. F. Belth, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted. Mr. Belth gave evidence to the effect that defendant was employed by him, on a monthly contract, as second chauffeur at \$50 per month.

In the witness-box the No. 1 chauffeur testified that defendant, at East Point Garage on August 20, took out Mr. Belth's two-seater car at 3.45 in the morning. Two Chinese women were in and he had no permission. He did not return till 4.45.

Defendant denied the allegation. That he broke a promise to the No. 1, said defendant, by not paying him \$20 which he had promised for securing him the job, was the reason for the No. 1's animosity. The No. 1 had told him that he had been dismissed and had forbidden him to touch the car, but Mr. Belth had not given him notice.

His Worship put the case back till noon on Saturday for Mr. Belth to be recalled.

CANTON UNREST.

CITY STILL "NERVY."

DOUBTS AS TO ARMS.

There is no material change to report in the Canton situation. The civil population is still apprehensive that trouble may break out. Efforts are being made to restore normal conditions but it is quite apparent that all is not as it should be although the element of doubt is difficult to describe or attribute to any direct event.

Doubts have been expressed as to the Government's ability to return the "Hav" arms to the Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps even though the sum of \$500,000 be paid over.

Cargo going up from Hongkong is still in smaller quantities than usual but European shipments are moving freely.

Political and military changes are expected in Canton.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

IRISH LINEN.

The Belfast Linen trade report, dated July 30, reads:—
Flax—Nothing fresh to report in either Irish or Continental Markets.

Yarns—Owing to a somewhat prolonged holiday interval, there was considerable interruption to business. Demand continued right up to the stoppage, which, in some Mills, ran to a week or more. So far as orders on hand, and lack of raw material allowed, a fair amount of new business has gone through, but a considerable proportion had to be turned down. Prices of all kinds well maintained, and somewhat in favour of sellers. French and Belgian yarns are considerably higher than local quotations. In many cases the latter would not nearly cover cost of line yarns at current prices for flax.

Weavers—Since the issue of the last report very substantial business has been placed with manufacturers. There has been a revival in demand for Dress Goods, and this has had the effect of stiffening the market. Unfortunately, ordinary household goods are not anything like as healthy as they should be. Damasks, especially, are in slow demand, but with the strength of the yarn market it is expected that in the early Autumn buyers will have no hesitation in placing their contracts for these goods.

Merchants—Warehouses have been closed for the Annual holidays. Demand for Handkerchiefs and Dress Linens continue fairly active at advanced prices, but in other classes of goods enquiry has not been sufficient to test the market.

Dress Linens—Several Buyers have been in the Market recently and orders for moderate quantities have been placed for both Plain and Novelty Dress Linens; the latter being in demand for next Season.

As regards plain Coloured Linens, price is the principal obstacle to further substantial quantities being placed, but the yarns from which these goods are made are in short supply and prices considerably higher than last Season.

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SALE OF A CODE.

ALLEGED COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

SERVING THE SUMMONS.

A further point was raised by Mr. N. I. Brewer at the remanded hearing at the Central Police Court this morning of the case in which Messrs. Kelly & Walsh allege that Messrs. Brewer & Co. and the Commercial Press have infringed the copyright of "Bentley's Complete Phrase Code."

At the previous hearing Mr. R. E. Lindsell had directed the summons to be made out against "The Manager of Brewer & Co." and remanded the case till to-day for a date to be fixed.

When the case was called this morning Mr. Brewer said that he had been instructed to ask for proof of service (of the summons). It had not been served on an individual, said Mr. Brewer, and under the ambiguous circumstances, he submitted proof was necessary.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton (who sat as Magistrate this morning) said that the case had only come up for a date to be fixed.

Mr. Brewer replied that he reserved the right to object to the service and Mr. Hamilton said that to-day's hearing would not prejudice Mr. Brewer's objection.

Hearing was fixed for 2.15 p.m. on September 12.

Mr. J. H. Gordon Leask (for Messrs. Kelly & Walsh) informed His Worship that an understanding had been arrived at with the Commercial Press. On his application the summons against this firm was allowed to be withdrawn.

SIBERIAN MAIL.

IMPORTANT CHANGE.

The Postmaster-General has been informed by the Shanghai Post Office that, owing to the interruption of railway communication to Peking, via Shanghai, the mail via Siberia will leave Shanghai on Fridays instead of Sundays as previously.

Owing to this alteration the mail advertised to be sent forward tomorrow will not leave. Should, however, anyone with correspondence in this mail desire it sent forward by the next boat, this can be done by applying to the local Post Office.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The American Consulate-General has received the following cable from the Manila Observatory: Typhoon in about 14° Long. E. and 17° Lat. N. Direction unknown.

Chan Sang was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for having in his possession one and a half tins of prepared opium without a Government certificate at an unnumbered matshed at Tai Kok-tsu, on September 1. He was fined \$150 or two months' hard labour.

A stone-cutter, named Li Shau, was convicted for being in unlawful possession yesterday of a black gauze jacket valued at \$7, at Saikung Road, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Kowloon Court this morning. Defendant stated that the jacket was his own property, however, he was sentenced to a fine of \$25 or three weeks' hard labour in default.

The clerks in a bank were finishing up the day's work and getting ready to leave, when the manager rushed into the room and asked if the cashier, a Scotsman, had gone home.

"No, sir," a junior replied, "he must be in the building."

"Are you certain?" asked his chief.

"Quite certain, was the reply; 'his matches are on his desk.'"

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Lau On, from Shanghai.

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0509, from Tientsin.

K. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1924.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship.

"FIUME L"

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 29th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th prox., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th prox., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.
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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th of September 1924, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ash on the 8th of September 1924, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 11th of September 1924, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD. Agents.
Hongkong, 31st August, 1924.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Finme-L" remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent. Agents—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "West Chopaka," remaining undelivered after September 6, will be subject to rent. Agents—Struthers and Barry.

Cargo arrived per m.s. "Asia" remaining undelivered after September 8, will be subject to rent. Agents—John Manners and Co., Ltd.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The "P. & O." "Kalyan" left Hongkong for this port on Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. and is due here on Sept. 5 at about 6 a.m.

The "P. & O." "Anafra" left Hongkong for this port on Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. with the outward Australian Mails and is due here on Sept. 5 at about 6 a.m.

The "O.P.S." "R.M.S." "Empress of Canada" Capt. S. H. Hildesley, R.N., E. E. Commissioner, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Sept. 12 (Friday).

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U.S.S. "West Prospect" ... Leave Hongkong ... 29th Sept.
U.S.S. "West Prospect" ... Leave Hongkong ... 30th Sept.

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U.S.S. "West Carmichael" ... Leave Hongkong ... 25th Sept.

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U.S.S. "West Carmichael" ... Leave Hongkong ... 16th Oct.

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PROGRESS FOR AUGUST.

The report of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the month of August has reached this office.

It is of interest to note that Inspector O'Brien commenced duty on August 10 and is working independently at Kowloon.

A report on the work of the Staff for August follows:—

TRANSPORT.
Poultry, crates 966
Poultry, on trucks and
lorries, loads 252
Poultry, in junks and ferries,
crates 370
Pigs in junks and ferries 287
Pigs on trucks and in baskets 1,173
Cattle in ships and junks 108
Cattle ashore 334
Sheep and goats ashore 122
Cages of small birds 3

IMPORTS.
Poultry, crates 3,008
Poultry, by rail, crates 94
Pigs in ships and junks 6,133
Pigs by rail 36
Sheep and goats 70
Cattle 704
Cages of small birds 56
Cages of rabbits 2
Dogs 27
Dogs by rail 9
Cats 3
Cats by rail 8
Monkeys 126
Tortoises, baskets 2

EXPORTS.
Poultry, crates 10
Poultry by rail, crates 1
Cattle 199
Sheep and goats 140
Dogs by rail 2
Cages of small birds 11
Monkeys 25

VISITS.
Markets 48
Birdshops 17
Cattle depots 13
Poultry depots 50
Landing place at Kennedy
Town 28
Dealers' shop at Kowloon 11
Dog's home 9
Pig pens at Yau-mat 6
Railway stations 28

MISCELLANEOUS.
Markets watched, times 13
Ferries watched, times 20
Ignorant cruelty cases
corrected 32
Cautions given 4
Prosecutions instituted, one
pending hearing 2
Cases investigated on
reports received 5

THE CUMMINS INCIDENT.

OBREGON'S VIEWS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

MEXICO CITY, September 2.—In his final address to the Congress as President of Mexico, before handing over the government to General P. E. Calles, General Obregon vigorously attacked the policy of Britain in connection with the suspension of diplomatic relations and the expulsion of Mr. Cummins. He declared that Mr. Cummins possessed no diplomatic or official character but that the administration had given him for personal considerations, despite the fact that he mixed in political affairs, from which foreigners were absolutely barred. Mr. Cummins' attitude toward the Mexican government from the beginning of 1922 was one of "offensive dignity." President Obregon alleged that Mr. Cummins sent exaggerated reports of the Mexican revolt to London and encouraged British subjects in Mexico to make "impertinent representations." He was preparing a "scandalous incident" in order to halt Sir Thomas Hopley's voyage to Mexico. The attempted expulsion of Mr. Cummins was not due to his representations on behalf of British subjects in Mexico but because of his discourteous attitude toward the Mexican Government.

WRANGLER ISLAND.

SOVIET EXPEDITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

OTTAWA, September 2.—The Canada Government has advised the Colonial Office respecting the reported mission of an armed Soviet vessel, the "Red October," to Wrangel Island with a company of infantry to take the island and seize the men left there last year by Harold Nolce after his expedition to rescue the survivors of the Stefansson adventure. It is believed here that the right to possess the island will be finally adjudicated by the League of Nations.

A DENIAL.
MOSCOW, September 2.—The report of a general mobilisation of the Red Army directed against Poland and Rumania, is denied.

ROXYOR

DAIRY FARM.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT
DEVELOPMENT.

NEW ICE PLANT AT EAST POINT.

There was a gathering of some fifty interested spectators this afternoon at the East Point branch of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company. The occasion was the starting up of the new Ice Plant, which will enable the company to meet the increased demands of their customers. We have received an advance copy of the speech, which was delivered by Mr. A. B. Stewart, the Chairman. The ceremony took place too late to allow of a fuller report being published.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Stewart said: "Gentlemen: On behalf of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Coy., Ltd., I welcome you here this afternoon on an occasion which marks an important point in the development of the Company, namely, the starting up of our new Ice Plant and Refrigerating Machinery at East Point."

The Directors and Management have long felt that the Colony's growth necessitated arrangements being made for a considerable increase in the Company's output of ice and cold storage accommodation and it was found that this involved scrapping the old machines and building new and up-to-date premises. In March 1923 we entered into a contract with the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., to remove the old structure and erect the up-to-date reinforced concrete building you now see. This building cost about \$270,000, and accommodates not only the new Ice Plant and Ice Tanks but also has on its top floor two sets of quarters for the Resident Engineers. Further, it provides us with 260,000 cu. ft. of extra refrigerating chambers for storing Meats, Butter, Fruit &c. We feel sure that with these additions the Colony's requirements in this respect should be fully and adequately taken care of for a number of years to come.

The Ice Plant consists of two 80 tons (refrigerating) York Machines each driven by 180 H.P. Motors and capable of turning out 80 tons of ice every 24 hours. We are now in a position to produce about 150 tons of ice per day and also to provide about 400,000 cu. ft. of refrigerator space, divided into 18 stores for storing various kinds of foods both for our own trade and the public.

Messrs. Andersen Meyer and Co., Ltd., the Local Agents of the York Manufacturing Company, supplied all the machinery and rendered all possible assistance in the final testing and passing of the machinery. We have, connected with the new Plant, about 40 motors of various sizes representing about 535 H.P. and the whole Plant will be run on current supplied by the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., to whom the Company's thanks are due for their assistance in the erecting and the wiring of the Plant. The Plant with the necessary accessories has cost the Company about \$450,000, making a total cost of \$720,000, for buildings and Plant.

In spite of this enormous increase in our output, the Management have not overlooked the fact that Hongkong is still a growing Colony and, with this in view, provision has been made in this new building for further increasing the output of ice by 40 tons per day if necessary.

With these few remarks I have much pleasure in declaring the Plant open and wish it and all those connected with it every success.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Joseph, Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations ruling on the Shanghai market this morning:—

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Langkats 16 1/2 Buyers.
Ewos 10 1/2 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 9 1/2 Buyers.
New Engineering 6 1/2 Buyers.
Orientals 3 1/4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 4 1/2 Buyers.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST.

ON Tuesday night between the Hongkong Hotel and Broadwood Road, a Silver Bag containing money and a Silver Powder Puff. Finder will be rewarded on return to Mr. Larmour, P.W.D.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ELLERMAN LINE.

From UNITED KINGDOM and
CONTINENT.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF GLASGOW"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by here are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Ho's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th September, 1924, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 15th September, 1924, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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General Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1924.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE following are members of the above Association:—

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M. A. Razack, V. Yvanovich,
J. W. Kew, A. P. Greaves,
W. J. Carroll, H. M. H. Kemail,
C. Kitchell, See Kon Chi,
Yip Yung Pak, Harry O. Odell,
F. M. L. Soares, Soo Pei Shao,
H. E. Edwards.

By Order of the Committee,
J. W. Kew,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1924.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE following are members of the above Exchange.

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Benjamin V., Perry I. S.
Birkett H., Poonji R.
Cox M. J., Potts Geo. H.
Croucher N. V. A., Potts P. C.
Ellis, F. M., Raymond E. M.
Gould J., Silva P. M. N. da
Gutterres A. A., Smyth F. R.
Lammert Geo. P., Tester P.
Lammert H. A., Kew Fred.

By Order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE Local firm of Messrs. Fohoomul Bros. will open a Branch in CHINA BUILDINGS on 5th instant by the name of
SIND SILK STORE.
Hongkong, 3rd Sept. 1924.

COMMON-SENSE TREATMENT
FOR CONSTIPATION.

Drink sufficient boiled or filtered water. Eat plenty of ripe fruit and fresh, well-cooked vegetables. Practice the habit of daily regularity. Take a dose of Pinkettes, the little gentle-saturating laxative, whenever necessary. Then constipation, bilious attacks, sick headaches, bad breath and liveriness will cease to trouble you. Chemists everywhere sell Pinkettes, or post free 60 cents the "vial" from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kingston Road, Shanghai.

COUNTY CRICKET.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

Final Positions 1924 Season.

County.	Possible points.	Points obtained.	Percentage.
Yorkshire	115	88	76.52
Middlesex	100	69	69.00
Surrey	100	67	67.00
Lancashire	125	79	63.20
Kent	120	81	67.50
Nottingham	115	64	55.65
Gloucestershire	115	64	55.65
Somerset	100	62	62.00
Warwickshire	100	46	46.00
Sussex	125	51	40.80
Leicestershire	125	49	39.20
Hampshire	120	42	35.00
Gloucestershire	100	35	35.00
Worcestershire	115	24	20.87
Essex	115	27	23.48
Northamptonshire	85	16	18.82
Derbyshire	105	16	15.24

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

FISH

Shipments just arrived

Canadian Salmon - 60 cents per lb.

Haddock - 60 " " "

Kippers - 50 " " "

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SHANGHAI GOSSIP.

COURT STORY OF RUMOURS.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.—An action for damages arising out of an alleged breach of contract was heard by his Honour Judge Grain in the Supreme Court yesterday. Mr. J. J. Kienhuize claiming the 750 from Messrs. Frayzer & Co.

Mr. T. Addis appeared for plaintiff and Mr. G. H. Wright for defendant. In opening the case, Mr. Addis said that plaintiff obtained an introduction to Frayzer & Co. and on June 16 and 17 had interviews with Mr. McMichael, and on the following day a verbal agreement that plaintiff should be engaged on probation for three months, in the piece goods department, was confirmed. He was to begin at a salary of £15. 250, and further arrangements were to be made if his services were satisfactory.

Plaintiff went for a short holiday to Tsingtao and returned, as he had anticipated, about the middle of the month, and when he went to report himself at defendant's office he was told they could not employ him. Plaintiff, in his evidence, said that while he was at Tsingtao he received another offer of employment in Shanghai but refused it because of defendant's engagement. When he saw Mr. McMichael on returning to Shanghai, the latter said he had received a telegram from Home advising him not to engage further assistance then as overhead expenses should be kept down. Mr. McMichael assured him that that was the only reason why he was not being taken on, and he offered to assist witness in finding employment elsewhere. At the interviews with Mr. McMichael, witness gave him all the particulars he asked for, and there was no misrepresentation on his part. He told him he was last in the employ of Messrs. Zylstra, and this was true.

FICTITIOUS CLAIM.

In answer to Mr. Wright, witness said he left Messrs. Zylstra at the end of April, and worked with Mr. S. Lord during May. So far as witness knew, Mr. Lord had nothing against his character and would have given a satisfactory reference had he been asked for it, witness was not employed by Mr. Lord, but worked with him in carrying on the piece goods department taken over from Messrs. Zylstra. It was a partnership arrangement without formal agreement.

Witness admitted that, in respect to a claim against a Manchester firm, he wrote to Mr. Zylstra asking when he was going to receive his share of "the fictitious claim for £150."

His Honour—Does he use the word "fictitious" in the letter? Mr. Wright—Yes.

Witness said that he left Messrs. Zylstra before the claim was settled. He produced a letter from Mr. Lord in which the latter pointed out that the business was too small for two foreigners and he concluded by expressing his thanks to witness.

Mr. Max Steiner, gave evidence that he would have employed plaintiff but for the fact that Kienhuize had already been engaged by Messrs. Frayzer.

NASTY RUMOURS.

Mr. Wright, for the defence, contended that the contract was voidable because there had been misrepresentation by plaintiff. He deliberately withheld the information that he had been employed by Mr. Lord when particulars of his experience were asked for.

Mr. E. H. McMichael gave evidence as to his interviews with plaintiff, who told him he was out of a job in consequence of Messrs. Zylstra having closed down their piece goods department. He said nothing whatever about his employment by Mr. Lord. Later, witness heard some nasty rumours about plaintiff and, desiring further information as to his past, sent for him again and again he said nothing about Mr. Lord. Following this, witness saw Mr. Lord, whose report on plaintiff was unfavourable, to such an extent that witness felt he could not give him a position of trust.

When plaintiff returned from Tsingtao, and witness told him he had changed his mind about engaging him, he gave reasons which were not strictly correct, wishing to save bother and not to draw Mr. Lord into the matter. Being sorry to have to do this, he did say he would try and help him in getting another position.

DISTRICT OF PLAINTIFF.

Mr. S. Lord gave evidence that he purchased the piece goods department of Messrs. Zylstra & Co. and employed plaintiff, who had been their manager and knew all about their business. In two weeks he began to distrust plaintiff, for one reason because he tried to take an assortment book, and discontinued his services. Had Mr. McMichael applied to witness for a character, he could not have given plaintiff a good one.

POLICEMAN'S CRIME.

APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE DISMISSED.

Singapore, Aug. 28.—Before Mr. Justice Barrett-Lennard, in the Supreme Court, yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. A. N. Battenburg said he appeared for a Sikh police constable named Bagga Singh, who had been sentenced by Mr. Pryde, District Judge, to 15 months' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of having attempted to outrage the modesty of a Chinese woman, named Chan Ah Wee, in the grounds of Government House on June 24 last, and who was appealing against the conviction.

Mr. Battenburg dealt with the evidence and criticised that given by the woman herself, and asked if it was not possible that there might have been some consent on her part in the affair? His Lordship said the accused had appealed against his conviction under section 301 of the Penal Code. In English phraseology the appellant had been found guilty of indecent assault. The offence in this country was "intending to outrage the modesty of a person." It was not necessary, his Lordship went on to say, to recapitulate the evidence set out in the record, but the complaint's story was well supported by witnesses of the whole transaction. His Lordship commented on Mr. Battenburg's long experience in criminal law, and no doubt had refrained him from asking his Lordship to believe certain portions of the appellant's story.

It appeared to his Lordship that the conclusion reached by Mr. Pryde was not only the right conclusion but the only conclusion to which he could possibly have come to. There remained the question of sentence and whether it should be mitigated or allowed to stand, and on that point he would be very glad to hear Mr. Battenburg.

Mr. Battenburg said that the reason he asked the court to exercise its right to reduce the sentence was because he thought that the accused had been punished very severely. In many cases these men last their heads because of the state of society which surrounded them, and in the case of this man he was denied that companionship which he desired. (Counsel believed that as a result of his punishment he would be thrown out of his caste.)

His Lordship observed that at home the sentence upon an ordinary man for that class of offence was 12 months. What it would be for a policeman actually on duty he did not know, but it would be much in excess of the sentence thought proper in the case of an ordinary man. Viewing the matter in the light of English practice he thought the sentence was milder than that which would have been imposed by English judges, having regard to the fact that a policeman was a public officer owing special duties to the public. It was also important to remember that in this country women were inadequately protected against crimes of violence. Nor was it possible for him to shut his eyes to the fact that Sikhs, although a most brave body of men, often invaluable as soldiers and policemen, were at times guilty of most cruel acts. Therefore, from local and the English standpoint, his Lordship said, he was bound to say that the District Judge had not exceeded his duty, and the appeal would be dismissed.

The Lord Chancellor (Lord Haldane) announced in the House of Lords that the Government would undertake an inquiry into the management of the drink trade, with the reservation that the question of prohibition should be kept out of it.

because plaintiff knew Mr. Lord would not give him such a character as would result in the contract with defendants being made. In these circumstances, it was open to defendants to set the contract aside, and this could be done whenever there was representation, fraudulent or innocent, which was misleading.

Mr. Addis laid stress on the fact that plaintiff had answered all the questions put to him at the time of his engagement, and he was not bound to give away his character, good or bad. The position was different from that of an insurance policy contract, where it was necessary that all material facts should be disclosed.

NO BREACH OF CONTRACT. His Honour, in giving judgment, said it was clear that there had been the offer and acceptance of a contract, and equally clear that he had been employed by Mr. Lord. This concealment, or omission, was material, because Mr. McMichael had said that had he known he would have applied to Mr. Lord for a character, and Mr. Lord had said he could not have given plaintiff a good recommendation. There having been this misrepresentation, the contract was voidable and therefore there could be no breach of it. Judgment must be for defendants, with costs.

WICKERSHAM CASE.

ACCUSED GETS FOUR MONTHS' JAIL.

At the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, David Belknap Wickersham, an American subject, of 21 Tramway Path, was sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The charge against him was one of publishing, or concurring in the publication of, a false statement in connection with the American Asiatic Commercial Company.

All the evidence having been disposed of at the last hearing, His Worship yesterday listened to the addresses of Counsel.

Mr. N. I. Brower, Counsel for accused, made a lengthy address, in the course of which he likened Mr. Nihil's construction of a letter from the defendant to Mr. and Mrs. Shoffer, read out in Court at a previous hearing, to the ingenuity of Mr. Sergeant Buzfuz in "The Pickwick Papers," who gave a "dramatic significance" to an innocent allusion to "chops and tomato sauce." Next Counsel proceeded to impugn the evidence of certain witnesses for the prosecution; whom he alluded to as "the conspirators." The Chinese who testified that defendant had shown them photographs in Hongkong in May, at which time, Mr. Brower submitted, these were in Bangkok, were guilty of brazen perjury. Finally, Counsel, quoted several legal precedents, whereby he submitted that no criminal case lay against his client. He could not, Mr. Brower contended, even be held to be subject to a civil action.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, at the outset of his address for the prosecution, submitted that a material false statement had been made, and that the defendant had either made it or concurred in it. On the defendant's own admission he had concurred in something which he realized was not actually true. Counsel said he did not wish at that time to argue the illegality or otherwise of the search or the warrant, but he read a legal authority which stated that the police could call on private persons to assist them in cases where circumstances warranted it.

Describing Mr. Shoffer's evidence as "poison gas to cloud the real issue which they had to try," Counsel asked His Worship to disregard every word which Mr. Shoffer had said. The latter's statement that the report to the police about morphine had been made before Mr. Rohu's return from Bangkok, and before a certain interview in the office, had been contradicted by the evidence of his own wife.

The application for land had been made, said Mr. Nihil, one month or two months before Rohu ever came on the scene at all. With regard to the whereabouts of the photographs in May, there was a clash between the evidence of witnesses for the Crown and witnesses for the defence, and Counsel submitted that that of the former was deserving of the great credence. With regard to the defendant's letter to Mr. and Mrs. Shoffer, it was written throughout with the intention of defrauding the shareholders of the company.

His Worship said that he found the charge brought against the defendant proved.

Immediately Mr. Brower interposed on a point of demurrer. The case, he submitted was one which could not be tried summarily.

A legal discussion, in which both Counsel and the Magistrate joined, ensued; and finally His Worship said that he was not prepared to give a decision on Mr. Brower's legal point without hearing it argued. He would therefore suspend the sentence which he had been about to record, and would hear Counsel's arguments next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Nihil said that he opposed bail. His Worship replied that he would not deny bail, but would increase the amount to \$5,000.

Mr. Brower then said that, by request of his client, he would withdraw the legal objection he had made, since he did not feel himself able to prove his point.

Accepting Mr. Brower's withdrawal, the Magistrate thereupon passed sentence of four months' hard labour.

SOVIETS' ENEMIES.

GEORGIAN PLOT.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, September 2. An official statement by the Georgian commissars announces that the recent attempt to overthrow the Soviet regime at Georgia was allegedly organised by the Social Democrats in conjunction with Nationalist organisations, headed by Prince Andronikoff. The rebels occupied the town of Ashkafour, in the district of Koutaishi, but were driven out and defeated, and the ringleaders arrested.

NANKING'S POLICY.

TALK CAN'T UNIFY CHINA.

STRONG HAND NEEDED.

Writing from Nanking, under date of August 27, Mr. George Sokolsky sends the following to the "N. C. Daily News," a summary of which was cabled here by Reuter:—

"I am very glad that the 'North-China Daily News' wants my point of view," said Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan in an interview to-day.

"Although Shanghai is but a short distance from Nanking, the people of Shanghai seem not to have troubled to find out why I, who for many years have submitted to a very difficult situation for the sake of peace, now send my soldiers to protect the borders of Kiangsu Province."

Marshal Chi was in his yamen in full uniform, issuing orders for the transport of troops and munitions, receiving foreign consuls, and making preparations for his first visit as Tschun and his first military expedition since the days of Feng Kuo-chang, when, by forced marches, he brought the famous Sixth Division from Nanchang to Nanking and made Li Hsun Tschun of Kiangsu.

"Everybody talks about the unification of China. Newspapers, societies, meetings, all discuss the unification of China. Some believe, as I have heretofore believed, that unification might be achieved by negotiation. But what are the facts? We have been negotiating for almost 10 years. We are still negotiating."

"No authority is recognized. So-called independent generals establish themselves in positions of authority where they are able to keep the country from unification and to prolong internal and international difficulties which beset China. Although I am a military man, I am a man of peace. If we could unify China by peaceful methods, I should be in favour of it, above all else. But one grows despairing as the years pass, and as the state of the country grows worse."

"The time comes when there must be action. Kiangsu has always recognized itself as but a part of the Republic of China and loyal to it. General Lu considers Chekiang independent of the Republic of China. The fact that the most important commercial city in China, Shanghai, is a buffer between Chekiang makes for danger to the whole country. Shanghai is historically, traditionally and geographically a city of Kiangsu. By a political accident, the control of Shanghai has become vested in the so-called independent officials of Chekiang. This has led to grave political difficulties, as every Chinese and foreigner knows. Foreign business men and officials have come to me and have asked that law and treaties be enforced in Shanghai. Complaints have been made to me of opium and arms smuggling and other illegalities. With sorrow and shame I have been forced to admit that although Shanghai was the jewel among all the cities of Kiangsu, the officials of Kiangsu could not control it."

"FESTERING WITH PLOTS. Last summer the so-called independent general of Chekiang and I signed an agreement to preserve the peace. I signed in all sincerity for I am a lover of peace. As much as I realized the injustice and inquiry of the situation, I signed that agreement so that the people of Kiangsu would not suffer the horrors and privations of war. The peace agreement was praised by many local people and by many foreigners, but it was criticized as unworkable by many of my colleagues in the government, who realized that there can be no peace in China when any province or any official in the country regards himself as greater than the whole country, as independent of law and authority. So far as I am concerned, I have never taken a step which was a breach of that peace agreement. But what did Chekiang do?"

"In Shanghai political criminals have gathered together and plotted to destroy the Republic of China by preventing unification. These persons are to-day co-operating and supporting General Lu. The situation in Fukien was fomented by Chekiang and when the rebellion was crushed, the rebels were given positions of honour among the Chekiang military forces. According to the third article of the Peace Agreement, Chekiang should have disarmed the rebel troops of Fukien when under Chekiang."

"These rebel troops are now being used to attack Kiangsu. How can China be unified if Chekiang and Shanghai are the scenes of constant plots against Government, if, from Chekiang, efforts are constantly being made to make the rest of China independent from the rest of the country? General Lu has broken the peace agreement by these activities, which all will agree must make more distant the day when the Republic of China shall be great and as strong as she was in ancient times."

WORLD THEATRE.

A LADY OF QUALITY.

The beautiful Countess of Dunstonwolds stood at bay in the huge reception room of her London mansion.

The toast of London, a widow for two years, enjoying the affection and patronage of good Queen Anne, universally respected, admired and looked up to, the fiancée of the brilliant Duke of Osmonds, who has just returned from the victorious field of Blenheim, all her ambitions on the point of realization—and yet there stood one thing in the way. That one thing was a lock of hair, a curly lock of raven black hair, five feet long, a thing of beauty, and there it lay in the possession of the arch-villain of London, Sir John Oxen, whose reputation as a gay blade, a man about-town, a compromiser of women, a handsome scoundrel, was second to none in his gay set. The impassioned Countess saw, as in a flash, her first impulsive love affairs with the handsome brute who faced her. Her spirit, which no authority had ever brooked, her hand which had conquered every horse she had ever wanted to ride, had both been surrendered in sweet humility to this arch-demon, both these and the wretched curl, only to be treacherously flouted and betrayed.

What should she do? What could she do?

In ten minutes London's most aristocratic society would be in that drawing room. In desperation, her hand touched her heavy riding crop on the table. In desperation, she faced the man who would snatch from her grasp everything for which she had striven so desperately, everything which a woman held dear and sacred, and then—

What the Countess did and what were the consequences form the climax of one of the most gripping and dramatic stories ever told on the screen, "A Lady of Quality," by Frances Hodgson Burnett in which Virginia Valli is starring at the World Theatre.

SUPPORT OF COLLEAGUES.

Marshal Chi, I asked, "in Shanghai it is said that you are acting entirely on your own account and that you are being wholeheartedly supported by your colleagues."

Marshal Chi replied: "Anyone who has studied my career will realize that I am not impetuous. I would not take this step unless I had the authority to do so and the consent of my colleagues. I have no selfish ambitions. I am not setting out to conquer the country. This effort is designed only to establish what is right, namely the inclusion politically of Shanghai in Kiangsu as Shanghai is geographically a part of Kiangsu. My colleagues in the government and in the neighbouring provinces desire that I should take this step and I have their hearty support and co-operation. It makes very little difference what anyone says, as events will show who is speaking the truth and who is confusing the mind of the public by falsehoods."

TROOPS BEHAVIOUR FLEDGED.

"Your newspaper may assure the people of Shanghai that my troops will be orderly and that once Kiangsu again, the smuggling of opium and arms will cease and that, in the commercial capital of the country, all efforts toward destruction of China by continued civil war will cease. Again I repeat, I love peace. I want peace. I am ready to make peace. But China must be unified and if it is necessary to unify China by war, then there must be war."

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The "Westminster Gazette" thinks it time some friendly power conveyed the hint to Peking that almost half of China's provinces desire autonomy. The vast, unwieldy Republic cannot for ever suppress the reasonable aspirations of the people, and federation will be a logical development. Certainly the Powers were placed in a difficulty, not only on account of risks to their nationals and threat to their trade, but by being compelled to treat as a unity a collection of provinces which were willing to go to war about their claims. The "Westminster Gazette" says that mere warnings, even supported by warships, are a barren way of dealing with a situation which seems passing out of control.

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MADRID, September 2.

The seriousness of the position in Morocco is emphasised in an official communiqué describing the heavy fighting consequent upon the persistent violent attacks on Spanish communications in the western zone. It says that great forces must be employed. Consequently eight battalions are being dispatched immediately from Spain.

The situation calls for great firmness and coolness and the Directory feels compelled more than ever to exercise all its authority both in Spain and Morocco.

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 2.

The gunfire in Morocco is audible in Tangier and Gibraltar. The tribesmen in the vicinity of the Tangier enclave are joining in and have burned Tangier and Tetuan. The mailcar road from Tangier to Tetuan is closed.

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COUNTESS ELSA BERNADOTTE

Countess Elsa Bernadotte, niece of King Gustav V., of Sweden, attended the international conference of the Young Women's Christian Association, journeying to Chicago, she worked for \$18 a week in a leather factory, in order to study sociological conditions. Her research ended, she has again entered the highest social circles.



U.S. SENATOR JAMES COUSSENS

U.S. Senator James Coussens, of Michigan, who declared, when he announced his candidacy for re-election, that he would not be bound by President Coolidge's policies, adhered to that statement when he left the White House in Washington after a conference with Mr. Coolidge.

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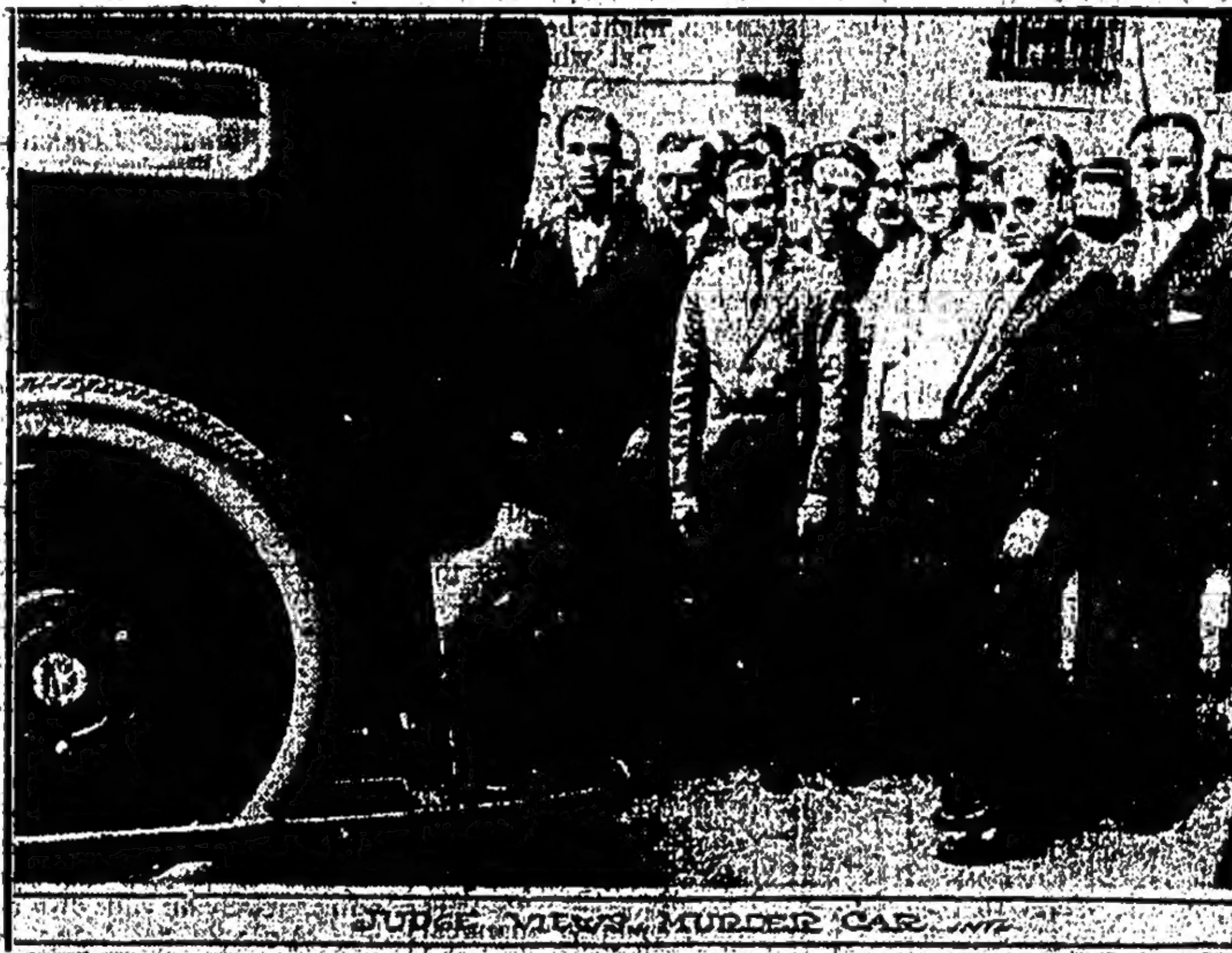
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After an absence of two years from motion picture work, following the unsolved murder in Hollywood, of William Desmond Taylor, to whom she said she was engaged, Mary Miles Minter has returned to New York, pleasantly plump. She is "off" Hollywood and its gossip for life, she says.



Judge Gilbert O. Nations, professor of the American University, Washington, D. C., who has been nominated by the American Party for the Presidency. In his speech of acceptance he bitterly denounced the Catholics and defended the Ku Klux Klan in its activities and ideas.



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